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1. In 1949 the faculty of the Physiology Department of the University of Budapest consisted of the head of the Department, Dr G Marsfeld, one full professor, one ailing[illegible], three associate professors (tanársegéd), two instructors, two demonstrators, and three or four student assistants. The department's laboratory was well equipped by US standards and projects involving research in blood cell regeneration, heat regulation, and tuberculosis were then in progress.

2. The Physiology Department was in no way subjected to Communist pressure or influence in 1949. The situation changed, however, in 1950 on the death of Dr Marsfeld and on the appointment of Peter Belint as his successor. Belint who is an avowed Communist, then enjoyed close professional association with Dr I Rusznyak, Chairman of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. His field of specialization is that of clinical methods of recording body fluids. Two other members of the present physiology faculty [1952] are known [redacted] active Communist Party members. They are Kato Hecht, first tanársegéd of the department [1952], and Matyi Gerber. [redacted]

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